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LYNN A. GREENWALT RETAINED
AS DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

President Carter has retained Lynn A. Greenwalt as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus announced today.

"I am extremely pleased, as I know conservationists nationwide will be," the Secretary said, "that Lynn Greenwalt, who has directed the Fish and Wildlife Service since October 1973, will continue his leadership in the conservation and protection of our Nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats."

Greenwalt, 46, has been a career employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and his father, Ernest J. Greenwalt, was a wildlife refuge manager for 34 years.

Before his appointment as Director in 1973, he headed the National Wildlife Refuge System consisting of approximately 30 million acres on 342 refuges in 49 States.

From November 1970 to October 1971, Greenwalt was supervisor of the Service's game management agents in the Pacific region headquartered at Portland, Oregon.

Greenwalt began his Federal career with summer jobs on Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma, from 1946 to 1952.

Other Federal employment included work at the Arizona Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Tucson; Bear River Refuge, Brigham City, Utah; National Elk Refuge, Jackson, Wyoming; Salt Plains Refuge, Jet. Oklahoma; Bosque del Apache Refuge, San Antonio, New Mexico; Fish Springs Refuge, Dugway, Utah; Regional Division of Refuges, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He became associate regional supervisor of the Division of Refuges in Minneapolis before joining the Service's law enforcement arm.

Greenwalt attended Reedley, California, Junior College, and received his B.S. degree in zoology at the University of Oklahoma in 1953, adding an M.S. in wildlife management from the University of Arizona in 1955.

He is married to the former Judith A. Cunningham. Her father, Frederick A. Cunningham, was a refuge manager for 20 years before retiring in 1963. The couple met when her father was an assistant to Lynn's father at Wichita Mountains.

The Greenwalt's have two boys: Mark, 19 and Grant, 13. The family lives in Rockville, Md.

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